

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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For: BRAIDED STENT

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend the claims as follows:

4. (Amended) A stent according to claim 1 or 2, wherein each filament end is welded to one of its next-but-one neighbours.

5. (Amended) A stent according to claim 1 or 2, wherein some but not all of the filament ends are welded.

7. (Amended) A stent according to claim 5, wherein the diameter of the join is no more than 3, preferably less than 2.5, times the diameter of the filament.